REMARKS

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants' representative initiated a telephone interview with Examiner Menon. Applicants and Applicants' representative would like to thank Examiner Menon for his courtesy in conducting the interview and for his assistance in resolving issues. A summary of the interview discussion follows. Specifically, with respect to the "lack of antecedent basis" (terms "L" and "Y") rejection of claims 1, 8 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, it was agreed that the enclosed amendment would be entered to obviate this rejection so as to reduce issues on appeal.

No extension of time is believed necessary. Nonetheless, to the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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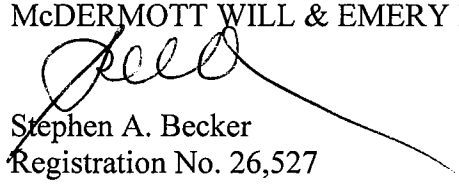

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